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- (1) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2000-207199;
- (2) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 11-085500;
- (3) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2000-276350;
- (4) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 08-016384;

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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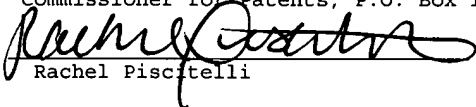
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